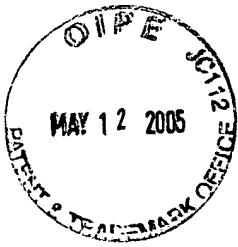




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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT DATED 11/22/04

Applicant, through counsel, respectfully requests review of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed 11/22/04 in the above. In support of this request, Petitioner states that the subject notice is not susceptible of correction in the manner requested in the notice because the requirement of the notice is incompatible with action taken by the Examiner in the First Office Action. In support thereof, Applicant states as follows:

1. That on July 26, 2001, Applicant filed the instant application including claims 1 through 8 of said application. A First Office Action was mailed to applicant, through counsel, on September 30, 2003. Applicant's response to this First Office Action which was due on December 30, 2003, was filed on January 3, 2004, and accepted by the office.
2. That the response to the Office Action addressed the matters cited by the Examiner as a result of his examination of the Application as listed in the First Office Action. For the record, Applicant amended the claims and the Specification so as to be responsive to the Specification and Claims reviewed by the Examiner, i.e. claims 1 to 8 of